the beneficiary is to be allowed to select an animal of his choice and he can himself make payment to the supplier direct against cash receipt. The acquisition of the animal would be verified by the field staff of bank.

Reaction of IFWJ to Bachawat Wage Board

285. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Federation of Working Journalists has impressed upon Government that serious industrial unrest in newspaper organisations would ensue if Government accept the irrational and anti-labour recommendations of the Bachawat Wage Board regarding interim relief;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IFWJ has demanded the replacement of Shri Bachawat as Chairman of the Wage Board; and

(c) if so, what is Government"s reaction thereto and what decision, if any, has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b)Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government have notified the interim relief 15 per cent of basic wages subject to minimum of Rs. 90|- p.m. as against a rate of 7.5 per cent subject to a minimum of Rs. 45|- p.m. recommended by Wage Boards.

देश में कपड़ा मिलें

286. **श्री मीर्ज़ा इर्शाद बेग** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने क कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय राज्य-वार कपड़ा मिलों की संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) सरकार कितनी मिलें चलाती है; और

(ग) कपड़ा मिलों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए किन-किन उपायों पर विचार किया जा रहा है और इस कार्य के कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री खुर्शीद आलम खान) : (क) मई 1986 के अन्त तक देश में सूती वस्त्र मिलों (राज्य-वार) की संख्या निम्नोक्त प्रकार है :—

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